GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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IMPORT OF TEA AND COFFEE FOR R- EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

to the reply given on December 20, 2002 to Unstarred Question No.4928 regarding import of tea and coffee for re-export and state:

(a) whether the required information has been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in collecting the information; and

(d) the time by which requisite information is likely to be collected?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b) : The information was collected and the requisite statement fulfilling the assurance given to Unstarred Question No.4928 of December 20, 2002 has been sent to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.The required information is as follows:- According to Export and Import Policy, Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and units in Export Processing Zones (EPZs) /Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are entitled to import/procure all types of goods, without payment of duty, required for its activities for exports.While the minimum Net Foreign Exchange earning as Percentage of exports (NFEP) prescribed for EOU/EPZ units on exports of tea and coffee is 10%, SEZ units are required to achieve positive Net Foreign exchange Earning (NFE).

The value of imports of tea by EOU/EPZ/SEZ units and other imports under Duty Free Scheme during the last three years is as under:-

Value in Rupees Crores

Year	Value of imports
1999-2000	60.28
2000-2001	92.63
2001-2002	78.58

The value of imports of coffee by EOUs under the Duty Free scheme during the last three years is as under:-

Value in Rupees Crores

Year	Value of imports
1999-2000	7.27
2000-2001	8.59
2001-2002	13.53

In so far as tea is concerned, the value of re-export of such imports and the additional foreign exchange earned thereon are not available as tea is imported for re-export through different units/schemes. In respect of coffee, the value of imported coffee re-exported by the EOUs after value addition during the last three years is as under :-

Value in Rupees Crores

Year	Re-export Value
1999-2000	11.29
2000-2001	37.05
2001-2002	32.37

However, the actual additional foreign exchange earned by such re-exports of coffee is not available.

(c) & (d) : Do not arise.